

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 101

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Robert Smith,
Principal of Soddy-Daisy High School, on his
inclusion into to the Josten's Renaissance Hall
of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding educational leaders who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Robert Smith is one such estimable educational administrator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, the principal of Soddy-Daisy High School, Robert Smith was recently named to the Josten's Renaissance Hall of Fame, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as a Principal as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many lives; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award is the highest accolade that can be bestowed upon a principal and is only the 18th given during the organization's history; Mr. Smith is the first principal from Tennessee to be given this honor; and

WHEREAS, Robert Smith has served with acumen and alacrity as principal of Soddy-Daisy High School since 1990; he states that the school's freshman academy and other learning academies are in position to take the school to even greater heights; and

WHEREAS, Soddy-Daisy High has long been an institution of academic excellence, with students there scoring at, or near, the top among Hamilton County schools, and recent test results continue that upward trend; and

WHEREAS, Soddy-Daisy has also received accolades as the nation's top performers in the Renaissance Program, which awards students for academic gains, attendance, and good behavior; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith is a graduate of the University of Chattanooga, and he is a member of that school's Athletic Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, voted the top Hamilton County principal of 2006 by his peers, Robert Smith is in the running for the statewide honor for secondary school principals; in addition, he has been named the state's top secondary principal by the University of Tennessee at Knoxville School of Education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith is an extremely talented and compassionate administrator who works assiduously to motivate his students, teachers, and staff to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Robert Smith truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues, faculty, staff and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, he truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated principal who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Mr. Robert Smith, Principal of Soddy-Daisy High School, on his being named to the Josten's Renaissance Hall of Fame, commend him on his exceptional service to the students and schools of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.